

AERIAL IMAGERY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
AND THE
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) agree to the following policies and procedures regarding the exchange of information about aerial imagery and the dissemination of such data to users.

Within NOAA, these functions are accomplished by the National Ocean Survey (NOS). Within the USGS, these functions are conducted through the National Cartographic Information Center (NCIC).

This Agreement formalizes the intents of NOAA and USGS to jointly develop methods by which customers at NCIC offices can select and order aerial imagery held by NOS and customers at NOS offices can select and order imagery available through NCIC.

Definition - Aerial Imagery

For the purpose of this Agreement, aerial imagery includes aerial photography, scanner imagery, radar imagery, and computer-compatible digital tapes of imagery. It does not include illustrative or scenic-type photography, imagery over small areas, or imagery generated for weather monitoring.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Related to the Agreement, NCIC will:

- . Provide NOS information on the availability of and improved access to existing aerial imagery and collection plans of other organizations in the cartographic community by issuing various indexes, catalogues, newsletters, and other general interest publications. NOS will also be assured access to NCIC's computer-based information systems.
- . Provide standardized guidelines, formats and codes for use by NOS to input information on aerial imagery holdings.
- . Accept and process orders for NOS photography through the NCIC User Services system.

Related to this Agreement, NOS will:

- . Provide to NCIC all available information and indexes on aerial imagery holdings and plans.

. Contribute to and share in the formulation of NCIC plans, systems and standards through participation in periodic conferences and workshops.

. Submit digital records of aerial imagery holdings to NCIC for data exposed after July 1, 1975. A program for the preparation of digital records for all previous NOS aerial imagery will be jointly developed by NOS and NCIC.

. Agree to be listed as a source of aerial imagery in the NCIC information systems and to provide reproductions of the imagery from NOS internal holdings either at the request of NCIC or in response to direct inquiry from users in accordance with established reproduction charges. Data listed in the NCIC information systems should be readily accessible and provided to all requestors on an equitable basis.

NOS-NCIC COOPERATION

In order to develop and maintain the concepts of this Agreement successfully, an open exchange of indexes, data, and information will be established between the NOS and NCIC.

NOS will refer to NCIC requests for imagery not held by NOS. NCIC will accept orders for imagery retained by the NOS which in turn will be provided to NOS to fulfill. NCIC will reimburse NOS for the cost of servicing these orders on a quarterly basis.

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